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Title: MUZZLE BRAKE

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Application No.: 10/004,999

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Title: Muzzle Brake

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**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated 12/26/02, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A muzzle brake for attachment to a firearm muzzle, said muzzle brake for dissipating a recoil force created by discharging said firearm, said muzzle brake comprising:
a body having a first end adapted for attachment to said muzzle, an outer surface extending from said first end to a second end along a generally longitudinal axis, a central bore having a desired diameter extending through said body along said longitudinal axis, said body defining at least one first elongated opening positioned nearest to said first end as compared to any other